



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 09/447,077)
Filing Date: 11/22/1999) Art Group Unit: 1762
Title: METHODS FOR PROTECTING)
SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE)
AND INHIBITING BREAKS)
DURING DRAWING OF OPTICAL)
FIBER, AND SILICA-CONTAINING)
ARTICLE PROTECTED AGAINST)
BREAK-INDUCING)
PARTICULATES) Examiner: Wesley Markham

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Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL ACTION

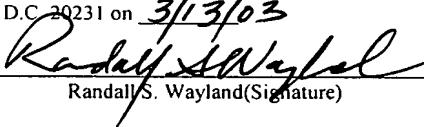
Applicants, through counsel, respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or such other extension of time as is necessary, to respond to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, currently due. Please charge the fee of \$930.00, and any additional fees or surcharges necessary to make this response timely, to the deposit account of the undersigned corporation, Deposit Account No. 03-3325, and credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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